

Statement from the Australian Tax Office to 7.30. 28 February 2019

*"The ATO can confirm that the actions of former Deputy Commissioner Michael Cranston were the subject of an independent investigation on behalf of the ATO, which found that Michael Cranston did not:*

- *behave with honesty and integrity;*
- *take reasonable steps to avoid real or apparent conflicts of interest;*
- *comply with lawful and reasonable directions,*
- *comply with the requirement not to improperly use inside information or the employee's duties, status, power or authority to gain or seek to gain a benefit or advantage for the employee or any other person;*
- *use Commonwealth resources in a proper manner; and*
- *behave in a way that upholds the integrity and good reputation of the APS.*

*Michael Cranston resigned before sanctions could be imposed in relation to the findings against him."*

*ATO Spokesperson*